

Missouri State Archives

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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

New Capitol Day Collection

Abstract: Five photographs of the 1924 pageant and parade celebrating the new Capitol Building in Jefferson City.

Extent: 5 Images

Physical Description: Photograph prints and negatives

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFs

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

An elaborate celebration and parade were held in Jefferson City on October 6, 1924 to formally dedicate the new Capitol Building. The Capitol Dedication Pageant was directed by Mrs. Blanche Leach and divided into five parts: a prologue and four epochs.

Prologue:

Features a woman dressed as the “Spirit of Jefferson City” accompanied by the four epoch queens and a children’s choir.

Epoch One: Epoch of the Pioneer

Picturing the early settling of the Louisiana and Missouri Territories, presided over by Mrs. Herbert S. Hadley, wife of the former Governor.

Epoch Two: Epoch of Development

Showing the growth of the state after settlement, presided over by Mrs. Elliott W. Major, wife of the current Governor.

Epoch Three: Epoch of the World War

Depiction of war scenes, presided by Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner.

Epoch Four: Epoch of Progress

An attempt to exhibit the rapid strides toward a greater civilization that have been taken in the past few years, presided by Mrs. Arthur M. Hyde.

Rain, thunder, and lightning cut the pageant short at the end of Epoch Three. The pageant closed with a fireworks display.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS006 Edwin William Stephens Collection
MS013 Theodore Lacaff Diaries
MS027 Thomas Garfield Cooper Photograph Collection
MS066 Peter Herman Rackers Photograph Collection
MS111 Ralph Miller Capitol Fire Photograph Collection
MS163 Blanche Leach Capitol Dedication Scrapbook
MS313 Van Gundy Photograph Collection
MS314 Tom Sater Capital City Collection
MS321 James C. Worth Photograph Collection
MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Photograph Collection
MS441 Alfred A. Speer Capitol Collection
RG395 State Capitol Commission Board
RG395 State Capitol Commission Board Photographs
RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission
RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission Photographs
RG396 Capitol Decoration Commission

Found in Archives RG000.106 Department of Higher Education State Documents Collection:

Shoemaker, Floyd C. "Dedication of Missouri's Capitol, October 6, 1924." Missouri Historical Review. Vol. 19 No. 2 January 1925: pp. 300-303.

Additional External Resources

Unknown

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1924

Arrangement: None

Scope and Content

This is a series of five images loaned to the Archives in 1998 for duplication. No photographer's name was provided, but similar images may also be found in MS163 Blanche Leach Capitol Dedication Scrapbook.

Digital TIF images are on the Z Drive as well as the Archives Flickr page.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	69	9A	Line of small children dressed like plants	10/06/1924
	69	9B	Line of girls in matching dance outfits	10/06/1924
	69	9C	A military unit marches down Main Street	10/06/1924
	69	9D	A military unit marches down High Street	10/06/1924
	69	9E	Horse-drawn (military?) wagons march down East Capitol Avenue	10/06/1924